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ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Nirvachan Sadan,
Ashoka Road,
New Delhi-110001

Dated the 18th May, 2018
28th Vaisakha, 1940 (Saka)

NOTIFICATION

No.576/EXIT/ECI/LET/FUNC/JUD/SDR/Vol.I/2018. - Whereas, the schedule for the Bye-Elections to the House of the People in the States of Maharashtra, Nagaland & Uttar Pradesh and State Legislative Assemblies of Bihar, Jharkhand, Kerala, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Punjab, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal, have been announced by the Commission *vide* Press Note No.ECI/PN/32/2018, dated 26th April, 2018.

2. Whereas, as per the schedule so announced by the Commission, poll for the bye-election in the State of Maharashtra, Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand, Kerala, Meghalaya, Punjab, Uttarakhand and West Bengal is to be taken on 28th May, 2018; and
3. Whereas, as per the provisions of Section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, there shall be restrictions on conduct of any exit poll and publication and dissemination of result of such exit poll during such period as may be notified by the Election Commission in this regard;
4. Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers under sub-Section (1) of section 126A of the R.P. Act, 1951, the Election Commission, having regard to the provisions of Sub-Section (2)(b) of the said Section, hereby notifies the period between 7.00 A.M. and 6.30 P.M. on 28th May, 2018 (Monday), as the period during which conducting any exit poll and publishing or publicizing by means of the print or electronic media or dissemination in any other manner whatsoever, the result of any Exit Poll in connection with the said bye-elections announced *vide* the Commission's Press Note No.ECI/PN/32/2018, dated 26th April, 2018 from 11-Bhandara-Gondiya, 22-Palghar (ST) Parliamentary Constituencies & 285-Palus Kadegaon Assembly Constituency in Maharashtra, Nagaland Parliamentary Constituency in Nagaland,

2-Kairana Parliamentary Constituency & 24-Noorpur Assembly Constituency in Uttar Pradesh, 50-Jokihat Assembly Constituency in Bihar, 34-Gomia & 61-Silli Assembly Constituencies in Jharkhand, 110-Chengannur Assembly Constituency in Kerala, 53-Ampati (ST) Assembly Constituency in Meghalaya, 32-Shahkot Assembly Constituency in Punjab, 05-Tharali (SC) Assembly Constituency in Uttarakhand and 155-Maheshtala Assembly Constituency in West Bengal, shall be prohibited.

5. It is further clarified that under Section 126(1)(b) of the R.P. Act, 1951, displaying any election matter including results of any opinion poll or any other poll survey, in any electronic media, would be prohibited during the period of 48 hours ending with the hour fixed for conclusion of poll for the aforesaid bye-elections.

By order,



K. F. WILFRED,
SR. PRINCIPAL SECRETARY
ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA.

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